


REMARKS

Claims 1 - 19 are presented for consideration by this Preliminary Amendment. Claim 14 has been amended to improve its format. The translation of the original disclosure had a typo which was also corrected by this Amendment. No substantive change has been made and no new matter has been added by this amendment.

Applicant hereby also attaches a replacement Declaration and a replacement Assignment document along with this Amendment. Patent Office objected to the original document as being "stale", although the originally filed document was not stale at the time of filing, prior to the Patent Office losing the file.

Favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

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Enclosed: Replacement Declaration  
copy of Replacement Assignment as filed with the USPTO on 12/5/05  
copy of Notification of Missing Requirements  
Credit Card Payment Form